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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **SM-0**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve Public Works to acquire a 3,000-gallon vacuum truck at a total cost of \$259,472 budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This request is to comply with the County Equipment Policy that your Board approved on October 16, 2001. This policy requires Board approval prior to County departments purchasing/financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater. Therefore, we are requesting approval to purchase a 3,000-gallon vacuum truck budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

A vacuum truck of this size is needed for the Malibu Wastewater Treatment Plant where access is too small for our existing tankers to enter. The truck would also provide emergency sewage hauling at numerous pump station locations where access is not possible with the existing tankers. During emergencies, the tanker truck would be used to alleviate backup conditions in the sewer collection system before the sewage overflows the manhole. The State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board

has adopted Sanitary Sewer Overflow regulations to prohibit sanitary sewer overflows and require sewer owners and operators to be proactive in the management of their sewerage collection system.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness, and Fiscal Responsibility. This action will enable Public Works to continue to provide County residents with responsive, efficient, and effective sewer maintenance services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to net County cost as a result of this purchase. The cost for this acquisition is \$259,472 and is included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to purchasing.

IMPACT OF CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to continue to perform its routine sewer maintenance activities in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel